

#### BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS June 2019

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#### Dane County Library Service Bookmobile Summer Reading Program

The Dane County Bookmobile invites children of all ages to participate in the Summer Reading Program: A UNIVESE of Stories Beginning June 10 and continuing through August 17, weekly craft activities will be conducted in Brooklyn:

#### Brooklyn, at the gazebo - Thursdays, 6:30-8:00

No registration is necessary for the craft programs, which are free for participants. Brochures containing program details can be picked up at the Bookmobile or viewed at <a href="www.dcls.info">www.dcls.info</a>. For more information, call the Bookmobile office at 266-9297.

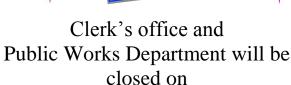
#### **Zoozort - Special Event**

#### Brooklyn Community Building 102 N. Rutland Ave. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20th

Noelle Tarrant of ZOOZORT brings live animals from different parts of the world for a hands-on interactive program. Children will learn about natural animal behavior emphasizing habitat, nutrition, conservation and appreciation, sparking an interest that will last a lifetime.







Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

#### Fun for the whole family



Stoughton Jr Fair July 3-7, 2019

Stoughton Fair Grounds
Mandt Park
www.stoughtonfair.com



Dane County Fair July 18-21, 2019

Alliant Energy Center www.DaneCountyFair.com



Green County Fair July 17-21, 2019

Green County Fairgrounds
Monroe, WI
www.greencountyfair.net



Rock County Fair July 23-28, 2019

Janesville, WI www.rockcounty4hfair.com



#### Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

The May 13, 2019, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Hall by President Brit Springer. Trustees present were Sue McCallum, Scott Rosenow, Kyle Smith and Pat Hawkey. Todd Klahn and Heather Kirkpatrick were absent. Also present were Mike Brusberg, Sandy Glasier, Christy Rasso of Strand Associates, Inc., Rebekah Klemm, Dan Antolec, Mo Mehta, Bethany Mehta, Katie Goglio, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, Chief Engelhart and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments – Mike Brusberg** – he received a letter in the mail indicating assessed value of his property is going to increase by about \$44,000. He has no issues and understands it. He asked if the Village is going to do a study about the total increase across the Village and compare to what the tax base is as a result and overlay that with capital projections and determine an approximate difference in mill rate. He asked if the Village has done capital projections looking over the next years. Rosenow agrees with Brusberg and has had a lot of people reach out to him about their assessed values and a lot of comments on the Village Facebook page. He hopes the board will take the opportunity at budget time to think about lowering the mill rate. Sandy Glasier suggested getting something out as soon as possible. If people understand it does not mean automatically that taxes will be going up, the Village will have a lot less calls.

McGuire Inc. timeline – Christy Rasso from Strand – McGuire stated last week he wanted to come to the meeting to discuss the scheduled timeline. He was unable to make the meeting. Due to the change order No. 2, the final completion date is May 17, which means all restoration, asphalt pavement and driveways and some punch list items need to be finished, but not the final punchlist. The last she heard, Payne and Dolan is scheduled for next week, so they will not make the May 17 deadline. They wanted to bring this to the board's attention to decide how to handle liquidated damages. McCallum recalled his email regarding excessive snow and rain, but he has had a long time to do restoration. Springer knows there were a couple good days in April. Rasso stated concrete replacement took place earlier this spring. McCallum made a motion to assess liquidated damages once the project is complete and work back to the required final completion date of May 17. She asked if there will be increased engineering costs. Rasso stated no engineering increases. McCallum stated it's been an inconvenience for residents and there's no reason it shouldn't have been done. Rosenow is okay assessing liquidated damages but would like to hear from McGuire before voting. Hawkey suggested tabling the motion until the work is done. McCallum would like him to know he's on the hook for liquidated damages. Rosenow seconded. Motion carried. Smith opposed.

Rebekah Klemm – represents the nonprofit group Dane for Dogs. She presented a proposal asking the board to adopt an ordinance preventing businesses in Brooklyn that breed, sell and use dogs and cats in painful and distressing experiments. She read a statement and handed out a draft ordinance and the information on the reasoning behind it. Rosenow asked why the pain or distress phrase is used in 5b but not 5a. Klemm said 5a is to prevent breeding and selling dogs and cats, which don't do the painful experiments. Rosenow asked if the proposed ordinance is similar to state statute or goes beyond. Klemm stated it goes beyond the state law. She said this is the third municipality they've approached. Rosenow stated the board can't take action tonight, but the work the group does is very important and government needs to protect animals because they can't protect themselves. Dan Antolec, lives north of Brooklyn, and works with families in the Village. He is here because he has a good understanding of canine emotions and cognitive process. He's been a dog trainer for 11 years and began studying canine behavior at that point. He read a statement in support of the proposal. Bethany Mehta, Mo Mehta and Katie Goglio also voiced their support for the proposal. The board thanked everyone for coming and will put the item on the next agenda for board action.

**Rosenow made a motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2019**. McCallum seconded. Smith and Hawkey abstained. Motion carries.

**President Report** – Springer attended Dime A Dip earlier in the month. The Recreation Committee tried something new this year with walking tacos. This weekend is the Villagewide garage sales and Grill for a Cause, the Historical Society garage sale and Methodist Church book and bake sale.

Public Works – Spilde stated Village can purchase a truck through the WWTP plant allowance of \$40,000. State pricing comes out this week. He would like direction. In the past board talked about using the allowance, the trade-in and sewer equipment replacement fund and instead of replacing the ¾-ton pickup, replace the 1-ton truck, which is a 2007. The Ford is a '99 with 80,000 miles. The 1-ton doesn't have many miles, but it's the second most important for plowing. The ¾-ton isn't used as much as the 1-ton. The 1-ton does have maintenance issues with the plow, about \$5,000 worth of work. Both are gas now. Board discussed options. McCallum said the board originally set out to replace the 1999 truck. Either truck is going to have to be addressed in a couple months. Smith said the standards from DOT for gas vehicles are 12 years and 110,000 miles. We have a '99 pickup at 20 years and a 2007. Spilde said the water department has not funded anything, and the ¾-ton pickup has the water main tools and supplies. McCallum suggested staying with original plan and get rid of the 1999 truck and use money we know we have, and then look at the others at budget. Spilde said the ERF has about \$22,000 for the 1-ton. Smith asked about budget for maintenance. Discussion on which truck to purchase. Budget for truck maintenance is \$5,000. McCallum made a motion to replace the 1999 Ford ¾-ton pickup not to exceed \$40,000 and with gas. Rosenow seconded. Motion carried.

The **budget for street work** is \$20,000. Green County did a tour of the streets. Lincoln Street sealcoating is \$7,000-8,000. If do not do sealcoating this year on Lincoln Street, will probably have to grind and overlay next year. Klahn, Green County and Spilde recommend doing some work ourselves, put down blacktop, sealcoat over Lincoln Street and use the rest as a time and material with Green County to fill cracks as needed, which might be about \$8,000, and keep \$2,000 for the Village to use on some other patches on our own. **Smith made a motion for 2019 street work, for the Village employees to do maintenance on Lincoln Street before sealcoating, and then allowing time and labor for Green County to crack fill through Spilde's discretion, up to \$18,000. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.** 

CMAR is required to be passed by resolution. It tells how the WWTP is running and the financial status. Smith suggested pushing resolution to the next meeting. PW/Utilities/EM – seasonal water meters are starting to go out. Have not started WWTP work yet because of weather. Met Friday regarding the phosphorus trading agreement and meeting with DNR this Friday. This one looks better than last one and has more credits. S. Rutland sinkhole, lateral put in in the past that wasn't capped and it started leaking. It was replaced. Siren is working now. We've been selected by Dane County to participate in a power outage exercise. The Army Corps of Engineers will be here for a half day checking generators, so if anything would fail, they would have everything on record to come in and take over. Toolcat came in. Arbor Day celebration with the school was great. Met with Stacey Hardy and did a walkthrough of the parks. Dugouts were put in by Oregon Youth Softball. Spilde said the bathrooms are being locked. There has been some vandalism and PD is working on it. Hawkey suggested talking about security cameras at budget time. Engelhart said we belong to MOIC and he's in the process of getting cameras to borrow and keep as long as needed. PW is going to fix the roof at Well 2 themselves. Recreation Committee will pay for materials and PW will fix the roof at Smithfield Park themselves. Recreation will also spend up to \$5,000 on trash cans and a bench at the parks. Hawkey stated on May 22 at 5:45 p.m. there is a ribbon cutting for the new dugouts, and Oregon Youth Softball asked for Village representatives to attend.

Anchor Club special event permit – PW will provide barricades. Engelhart will try to keep an officer on. There have been no issues in the past. McCallum stated the rain date is July 13. McCallum made a motion to approve the Anchor Club Party in the Alley special event permit for June 29 with a rain date of July 13. Smith seconded. Motion carried. McCallum made a motion to approve the sound amplification permit for Anchor Club special event Party in the Alley June 29 with a rain date of July 13. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

4<sup>th</sup> of July special event permit – Springer stated fireworks will be held at Legion Park through a fundraiser and the Chamber of Commerce. The plan is to have people not park in the park if it rains, because of last year's issue. She asked if needed to get portable toilets because it's only about a 2-hour thing. Hawkey thinks they still have to have them. Discussion on parking. McCallum suggested Springer have a conversation with Engelhart and Spilde and bring the permit back next month. Hawkey made a motion to postpone the approval of 4<sup>th</sup> of July permit. Rosenow seconded. Motion carried. Springer abstained.

Springer and Smith reviewed the bills. Smith asked about the PD training in Clinton. He's not opposed to it but wanted to make sure it's budgeted. Engelhart said there are funds in the training budget. Smith suggested giving Stacey Hardy a tax exempt card for purchases. **Springer made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Committee members for 2019-2020 – Personnel Committee needs an additional member. Smith knows the ordinance states the president is on the committee, but does the Village want to have an option for someone else to be on it so employees can go to someone instead of the president, so would need two more people. It would require a change in ordinance. Springer said the Recreation Committee will require a change in ordinance as well if extra members are approved. Smith suggested Personnel be three board members and not necessarily the president. Springer was okay with that. Recreation Committee would like to go from 9 members to 11 members, because there are two people who really want to join. Springer offered to step down from the committee. Hawkey suggested Springer step down, but she can still come to meetings as Village president; then the board will not have to change the ordinance, and they could also run into a problem having a quorum. Emergency management, if change it from PW director to PW assistant director, do we need to change ordinance. Smith asked if Roberts wants to do it. Hawkey would like to nominate Smith as representative to the Fire/EMS District Commission. McCallum would like to stay. She said there's a lot going on and she's following it. Hawkey said when it was originally decided to change the representative, it was to move board members in and out so there is more board activity. Discussion on who to put on Commission. Springer stated the alternative would be to make herself representative. Rosenow asked how much longer McCallum wants to be on Commission. McCallum said at least another year. Hawkey believes it should change every year. Smith doesn't want the position but does feel it needs a change. Smith made a motion to appoint Springer to the Fire/EMS District Commission. Hawkey seconded. Smith and Hawkey voted yes. Springer did not vote. Rosenow abstained. McCallum did not vote. Motion failed. Rosenow would like Klahn and Kirkpatrick to be present. McCallum would like to see a local business member on the EDC. Media Committee is the heads of Recreation and EDC. Springer is willing to give up her position on committee if someone else wants to join. Smith said she can stay on it. No changes for rest of committees. Springer made a motion to postpone approval of committee list with the changes to the next board meeting. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. Hawkey made a motion to accept Nicole Wendt and Paige Bachim as **new members of the Recreation Committee.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

McCallum made a motion to approve \$650 of Recreation Committee savings towards the steel roof materials for Smithfield Park and \$5,000 towards new trash receptacles and a bench at Legion Park. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Financials for April were handed out. CWF loan is on track to close end of June. Spoke with Pedro Ruiz at CDBG and confirmed that O&A can hire from anywhere in Dane County except the City of Madison, and they can start hiring now for training. There is a CDBG meeting on May 28 that Kuhlman will be attending to report to the Commission. The ribbon cutting for dugouts is Wednesday May 22 at 5:45 at Legion Park. Form C financial report is finished by the auditors. GCDC meeting is May 16 at 7:30 a.m. Clerk and deputy clerk attended the State Treasurer's conference last week. Kuhlman was elected as the secretary of the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin. It's a two-year position and involves going to two meetings per year. Kuhlman attended the League of Wisconsin Municipality Insurance Company conference last week. We will be getting a dividend again this year. UniverCity has a deadline at the end of July to submit projects. DNR recycling grant for \$3,500 was received. Open Book is May 22 and 23 and Board of Review is June 25. The SAP annual report and the Fire/EMS unallocated funds report were given to the board. Kuhlman would like to attend a two-day grant writing class in June. Hawkey made a motion to approve clerk to attend grant writing training for \$455 plus travel. Springer seconded. Motion carried.

Safety Report – April had 101 total calls for Brooklyn PD, with Green County 109. 3 open record requests, 9 assists with Green County, Dane County and Oregon PD, 2 parking, 58 traffic, 6 citations issued, 3 written warnings, 4 juvenile, criminal damage to property at park and school, identified one suspect and investigation is ongoing. Community policing – had a part-time officer working during a rugby game at the school. He talked to parents and talked to some juveniles hanging out behind the school. Abandoned vehicle ordinance is ongoing and they've sent out two letters. Officer Johnson attended tornado spotters training. The PD can access the TVRP program over the computer and it's only \$3 and it can all be done at the PD instead of going to the state.

Smith made a motion at 8:20 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental entity has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Police) and WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or

negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business (Business Complex). Hawkey seconded. Ayes – Hawkey, Smith, McCallum, Rosenow and Springer. Noes – none.

Smith made a motion at 9:15 p.m. to reconvene to open session. Hawkey seconded. Ayes – Hawkey, Smith, McCallum, Rosenow and Springer. Noes – none. McCallum made a motion to accept Officer Johnson's letter of resignation effective May 13. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to post a job posting for a full-time police officer similar to the last posting. Rosenow seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to have the Village attorney negotiate developer's agreement but to contact the clerk-treasurer before any final decision. Smith seconded. Smith said if there's a change, it will need to be brought to the board for final approval. Motion was amended by Hawkey to add changes will be brought to the board for final approval. Smith seconded amended motion. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Rosenow seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC Clerk-Treasurer

#### **Board of Review**

will be held on
June 25 from
6 pm to Adjournment at
The Village Hall
(210 Commercial St).

All objections must be submitted 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY POTLUCK**

#### June 27th at Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church
Bring a dish to pass.
Table service and beverages
are provided.
All ages welcome.

## **Police Department**

**Activity Report** 

Activity Report							
Calls for Service - 2019	May	Jan-					
		May					
Burglaries	0	0					
Thefts	0	2					
Suspicious Activity	1	8					
Animal	0	3					
Damage to Property	1	7					
911 Disconnect/Misdial	2	2					
Open Records Request	4	18					
Assist Citizen	0	7					
Assist Fire Department/EMS	1	10					
Assist other agencies	1	20					
Assist Village Departments	7	9					
Traffic Incident							
Total Traffic Crashes	1	5					
Traffic Incident	32	205					
Traffic Citations	4	31					
Traffic Warnings	7	25					
Enforc. /Gen. Activity							
Misc. Comp/Arrests	0	0					
Drug Charges/Comp	1	1					
Referral to District Atty	0	0					
Phone/Internet/Social Media	0	1					
Domestic / Family / Assaults	0	2					
Disturbance/Disorderly/Threats	1	4					
Financial/Fraud	0	0					
Missing Person/Check Welfare	0	4					
Municipal Ord. Comp/Violation	1	12					
Alarms	0	1					
Juvenile Offenses/Comp	4	11					
Found Property	0	1					
Community Policing	7	27					
Parking Citations/Comp	3	31					
Court Orders/Warrants	1	2					
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Total Calls:	79	449					

#### JUNE LAW OF THE MONTH

The Brooklyn Police Department is asking motorcyclists and all other motorists to share the road, be alert, and be safe.

Motorcycle crashes often occur when a car or truck driver changes lanes, turns left, or pulls out in front of a motorcycle. Because of their smaller profile, it's easy to misjudge a motorcycle's speed and distance. That is why we're reminding motorists to always look twice at approaching motorcycles.

Failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle (state law 346.18) can result in a citation, but penalties are much more severe if the violation results in someone getting injured or killed. In 2018 in Wisconsin, there were 2,074 motorcycle crashes, 1,678 motorcyclists injured and 81 motorcycle fatalities.

Motorcyclists can do their part by getting properly licensed, wearing visible and protective equipment, and carefully scanning ahead for potential hazards such as gravel, debris or wildlife in the roadway. As a group, motorcyclists are aging. The average age of a motorcyclist involved in a fatal crash in 1992 was 30 – in 2018 it was 46.

Motorcyclists have two options to get the required Class M license: pass a motorcycle drivina skills test after an appointment at a Division of Motor Vehicles service center or successfully complete a WisDOT-approved rider education Motorcyclists who course. successfully complete an approved safety course earn a skills test waiver used to obtain their Class M license.

Whether a person is brand new to motorcycling or a returning rider, a safety course is a wise investment. Safety along our roadways requires all motor vehicle operators to share the road, watch their speed, eliminate distractions, and be alert.

BROOKLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### News from Your Senior Center June 2019

#### By Rachel Brickner

There is a lot of fun to be had at the Senior Center in the next month. Please consider joining us!

If you own a dog, regardless of your age, we want to see you at our annual "Show Off Your Dog" dog show. This low stress event is an opportunity for dog owners of all ages to bring their canine friends in for some fun.

On Friday, June 21 at 10 AM in the Senior Center parking lot, we welcome dogs and their owners to come show off in front of dog trainer Amy Robinson from Country View Animal Services and Dan Antolec from Happy Buddha Dog Training. These two judges award prizes for categories such as "Happiest Tail" and "Best Dressed" and "Most Distracted".

Of course, every dog show needs an audience, so we invite everyone to come and watch. Please RSVP if you plan to come and bring your dog, as we want to make sure we have the right number of prizes and doggy treats available! Call the Center and ask to speak with Anne about this event. PLEASE NOTE: Because this is an outdoor event, there is a rain date, which is the following Friday, June 28, at the same time. Another annual event we host every June is the Over 90 Celebration. This will be our tenth year of honoring people in our community who are 90 or over. We bring them together and ask questions about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. Last year's event was humorous and poignant and a lot of fun.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, at 10:45. Everyone is welcome to come learn from these amazing "Super Seniors", and to stay for lunch afterwards. Please RSVP for this one by noon on June 14, so that we can get an accurate lunch count to the caterer. Call 835-5801 to reserve your spot.

Our BBQ & Ice Cream Social will be on Thursday, July 11, from 4:30 to 7 PM. We have BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, beverages and (of course) build-your-own-sundaes for sale. Heather and Dave from Back 40 will be performing live from 5 to 7. This event is open to all ages—you don't need any affiliation with the Center to come in and enjoy this one! Of course, in addition to the fun things going on at the Center, we continue to offer all the very important services that people need to stay safely in their homes, such as meals on wheels, transportation, assistance with financial or insurance matters, etc. If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please call 835-5801 and ask to speak with one of our case managers.

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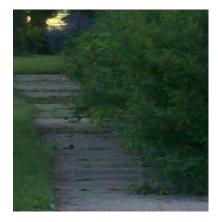
**Dear Community Members** 

Unfortunately, there will be no Fireworks show for 2019 due to circumstances outside of our control.

We are hoping to come back in 2020 and start the process for the permit much sooner so that we CAN have it approved and have an epic show, celebrating our nation's birth.

To those that donated, volunteered at other events leading up to it, THANK YOU!

## Public Works Department



Any shrubs, trees, etc. on a residential lot or parcel of land which is encroaching over the sidewalks needs to comply with ordinance(s).

## Sec. 24-2 (d) Public nuisances affecting peace and safety

The following acts, omissions, places, conditions, and things are hereby found to adversely affect the public peace and safety, to create unsafe conditions, and to adversely affect the property values of other land in the village and are therefore declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety; provided, however, that this enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other nuisances affecting public peace or safety coming within the general definition of subsection (a) of this section: (5) any tree limb which projects over and less than ten feet above the surface of a public sidewalk and 15 feet above the surface of a public street or other public place

## Sec. 117-1010 Accessory uses and Structures. (e) Landscaping and decorative uses

Accessory structures and vegetation used for landscaping and decorating may be placed in any required yard area. Permitted structures and vegetation include flagpoles, ornamental light standards, lawn furniture, sundials, birdbaths, trees, shrub and flowers and gardens. Any vegetation that is desired to be planted shall be planted a minimum of half the declared maturation width from the lot line. Any growth from any planting that grows over the lot line is subject to pruning/removal of that part of the planting by the property owner to which the encroachment occurs. In no case shall any planting over three feet in height be allowed within the front/corner yard as to infringe on a vision triangle.



#### NO mowing into the streets.

Per Village Ordinance Section 24-93 (c)
Regulation of dumping - *Protection of street*,
public places and water. No part of the contents
of or substance from any sink, privy, cesspool or
drywell, nor any manure, garbage, ashes, refuse
or other waste shall be thrown by any person or
persons, or be allowed to run or drop upon or
remain in any street or public place, nor shall the
same be thrown into or allowed to fall or run into
any of the water surrounding said village save
through the public sewers.

# Mark your calendar Summer Rec starts June 24th

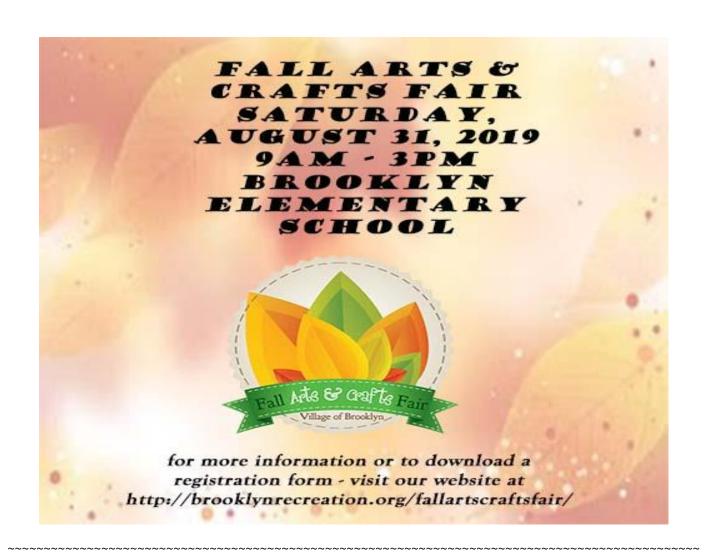
for more information or to download a registration form go to our website.

http://brooklynrecreation.org/summeryouthrecreation/

## Youth Recreation

Village of Brooklyn





All classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building

Monday · 6:00pm
Country Heat

Wednesday · 6:00pm
Yoga: Slow Flow

www.brooklynrecreation.org/getfitprogram



## July 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 Tire, Battery & Oil Pick-up	3	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Clerk's Office & Public Works Closed	5	6
7	8 Village Board Mtg 630 pm	9 Brush Pick-up	10 Recycling	11	12	13
14	15	16 Planning & Zoning Mtg 630 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Village Board Mtg 630 pm	23	24 Recycling	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

notes

Clerk's Office Hours – Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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